

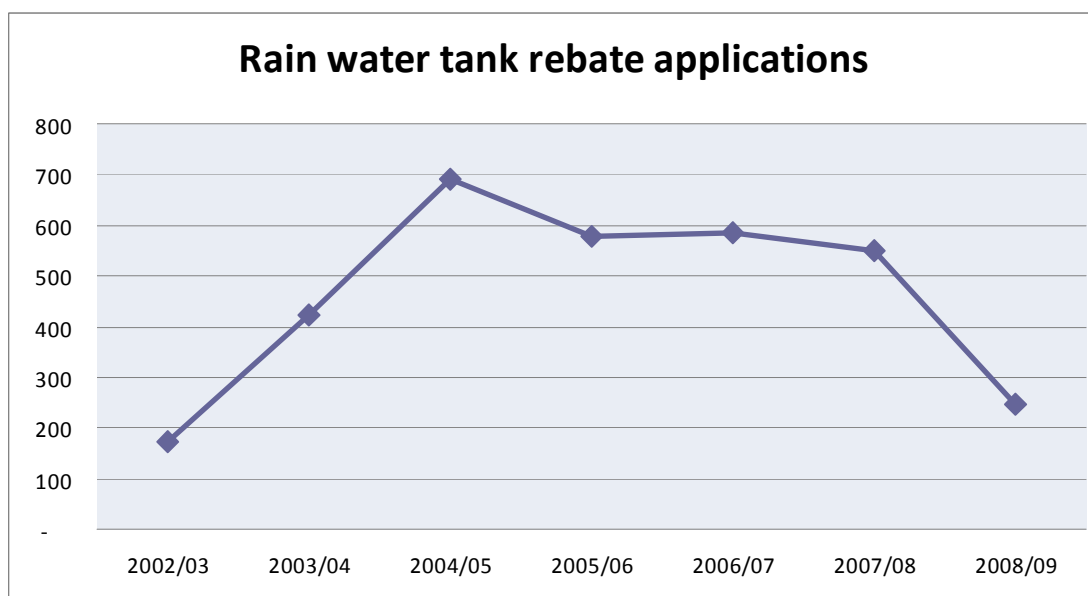
## Water Infrastructure

### What are we monitoring?

#### *Number of new rainwater tanks as measured by tank rebate applications*

### What is the trend?

Blue Mountains residents were early uptakers of Sydney Water's rebate residential program for water tanks, accounting for the highest number of applications from any metropolitan LGA in 2002 - 2003 and 2003 - 2004. Since commencement of the scheme Blue Mountains residents have applied for 3,242 water tanks. Ongoing demand for the rebate indicates an increase in on-site water infrastructure.



WATER TANK REBATE APPLICATIONS - BLUE MOUNTAINS							
Year	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
<b>No. of Applications</b>	173	422	689	577	585	549	247

The data above records the number of applications received by Sydney Water for rebates on rain water tanks from Blue Mountains residents.

### Why is monitoring this trend important?

Use of rainwater tanks reduces the demand on dam water and contributes to a more sustainable use of water resources. Rebates encourage people to buy and install rain water tanks, and the uptake of rebates is a fair indication of the number of new tanks being installed.

### Source:

Blue Mountains City Council, State of Environment Reports - City of Blue Mountains  
[www.sustainablebluemountains.net.au/resources/publications/](http://www.sustainablebluemountains.net.au/resources/publications/)